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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES-UNCTAD COMMON FUND MEETING
NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 2

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1. GOK CURRENT VIEWS ON COMMON FUND DISCUSSED WITH
NDUNG'U, UNDER SECRETARY ECON/TRADE, MOFA, AND LATER
WITH ISIGE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL TRADE, MINCOMM
AND INDUSTRY. PLANS FOR GOK REPRESENTATION AT NOVEMBER
MEETING ON COMMON FUND AS FOLLOWS: DELEGATION WILL
AGAIN BE HEADED BY MULILLO, KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO BONN.
WHILE NO ONE HERE SURE, ASSUMPTION IS MULILLO WILL
ALSO CONTINUE IN CHAIRMANSHIP AS PREVIOUSLY. MOFA
WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED ON DELEGATION BUT HOPES THAT
REPRESENTATIVES FROM TREASURY AND COMM AND INDUSTRY
WILL BE SENT FROM NAIROBI TO BACK UP DELEGATION. ON
OTHER HAND, ISIGE CITING TRAVEL FUND AND PERSONNEL
LIMITATIONS, IS THINKING OF SENDING COMMATTS FROM
GOK MISSIONS IN LONDON AND BONN TO REPRESENT HIS
MINISTRY.

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2. CURRENT PLANNING IS FOR MULILLO TO BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MEETING BY FOREIGN MINISTER AFTER GOK POSITION
SUITABLY CLEARED WITHIN APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES.
OBVIOUS FROM CONVERSATIONS HERE THAT MULILLO REGARDED
AS GOK EXPERT THESE MATTERS BY DINT OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCE
REPRESENTING GOK IN UNCTAD AND OTHER FORA IN
GENEVA. ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, BELIEVE THAT

HIS VIEWS WILL BE OVERRIDING ON ISSUES WHICH ARISE
AFTER MEETING UNDERWAY.

3. IN DISCUSSING COMMON FUND, NDUNG'U SAID GOK
INTERESTED IN AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AND HOPED TO REACH
COMPROMISE AGREEMENT THAT GAVE EVERYBODY SOMETHING AND
NOBODY EVERYTHING. GOK THUS WELCOMED U.S. MENTION OF
"NEGOTIATIONS" IN CONNECTION THIS MEETING. GOK WOULD
BE VERY INTERESTED IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. ON
WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTED COMPROMISE
LANGUAGE WE MIGHT DEVELOP. NDUNG'U STATED THAT IF GOK COULD
ACCEPT OUR
IDEAS AND/OR DRAFT TEXTS, THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO OPEN
DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER LIKE MINDED AFRICAN COUNTRIES
WITH A VIEW TOWARD ATTAINING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FLXIBILITY
IN GROUP OF 77 POSITION PRIOR TO MEETING.

4. IN LIGHT ABOVE COMMENTS AND IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE
CRUCIAL POSITION OF GOK HEAD OF DELEGATION AT NOVEMBER
MEETING BELIEVE IT VERY DESIRABLE THAT COMMON FUND
EXPERT VISIT NAIROBI. IN OUR VIEW VISIT SHOULD BE
SCHEDULED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BUT ONLY AFTER
(OR IF) WE HAVE SOMETHING FIRM DEVELOPED TO DISCUSS
WITH KENYANS.
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